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SUBJECT: PRC INTEREST IN SINGLE-POINT MOORING BUOY SYSTEMS

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1. USLO KNOWS OF ONE US FIRM, IMODCO, WHICH HAS PROVIDED LITERATURE TO MACHIMPEX ON SPMB'S AND IN CONVERSATIONS WITH PRC TRADE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING MINISTER LI CH'ANG, WE HAVE SUPPORTED IMODCO'S INITIATIVE.

2. OUR MOST RECENT COMMUNICATION FROM IMODCO (DATED FEBRUARY 10) STATES THAT THE US FIRM RECEIVED A RESPONSE TO ITS INITIAL LETTER TO MACHIMPEX DATED DECEMBER 19, 1974. IMODCO ALSO INFORMS US THAT MACHIMPEX HAS ALREADY CONCLUDED A LETTER OF INTENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN IMODCO BUOY THROUGH IMODCO'S JAPANESE LICENSEE, AND A JAPANESE TRADING FIRM. THE PRECISE DETAILS OF THIS ARE NOT CLEAR, BUT IT APPEARS THAT A SALE OF AT LEAST ONE IMODCO BUOY IS GOING FORWARD THROUGH INDIRECT CHANNELS.

3. THIS INFORMATION IS COMMERCIALLY SENSITIVE AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE USG.
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